

## FARMS ARE SMALL, BUT VALUES GREATER

Tendency Toward Smaller and Better Farms in North Carolina Counties.

### WAGES AND LIVING HIGHER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., November 18.—A decided tendency toward smaller farms and a steady increase in the value of farming lands in practically all the counties of North Carolina is a notable feature of a summary of reports from farmers all over the State, just compiled in the office of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing. The summary shows, too, that farmers in ninety-six counties report negro labor in their work, and that, excepting no negro labor at all, the county reporting no negro labor was Graham. Fifty-two counties in the State favor immigration and forty-six oppose it.

The summary shows that farmers in ninety-seven counties report increase in the cost of living and one no increase. Highest wage reported paid men for farm work is \$25, an increase of \$3.35 per month over last year. The lowest is \$15.25, this being \$2.25 higher than the lowest last year. Wages reported as paid women range from \$10 to \$15 per month, an increase of \$1.58 and \$2.25 per month. Ninety-two counties report increase in wages and six no increase.

There is a summary showing that sixty-nine counties produce cotton at a cost of \$3.57 per bushel; seventy-eight counties produce wheat at a cost of 76 cents per bushel; ninety-eight counties produce corn at a cost of 45 cents per bushel; eighty-eight counties oats at 36 cents per bushel; fifty-one counties tobacco at 7.87 per hundred pounds.

#### WILL Hear Appeals.

Tuesday morning the Supreme Court will call for argument appeals from the Thirteenth District, comprising Catawba, Alexander, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe counties. The cases to be argued are: *Carroll vs. Wright*; *Carroll vs. Parsons*; *Marble Co. vs. Railroad*; *Davis vs. Davis*; *Lumber Co. vs. Smith*; *Smith vs. Crouch*; *Barnhard vs. Dutton*; *McNeill vs. Allen*; *Bauser vs. Morrison*.

County Superintendent E. J. Coultrain, of the Randolph county public schools, was here to-day to arrange with the State Department of Education for the establishment of two additional high schools in his county. Superintendent A. B. Waltz, of the Goldsboro graded schools, was also here to arrange for changes in the school department of his schools.

#### North Carolina Day.

The State Department of Education has just completed a program of exercises for the observance of North Carolina Day in all the public schools of the State Friday, November 30th, the subject to be "Scotch-Irish Settlements in North Carolina." This is carrying out a plan of the department under the direction of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, under which for several years special phases of North Carolina history are considered in these North Carolina Day school exercises.

The clanging of the fire bells Sunday afternoon summoned the Leigh fire department and many curious citizens to the residence of Mr. Paul Lee, on Mount Street, near the intersection of Main and Market streets, where a window was broken. Investigation developed a remarkable fact that the cook had a lit cigarette in her mouth when she left and left a ham in the oven on gas range, where she had placed a brown bag over the gas being on. The volume of smoke caused the fat to think the house was on fire.

#### To Sue Bank Officers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., November 18.—The Bank of People's Bank of Norfolk, which recently failed, met to-day to have determined to sue the officers, especially the president, Dr. Franklin D. Gill, for approximately \$500,000. Dr. Gill is president of the bank and a Butt cushion, and other prominent among the directors, and he is to vigorously push the claims of his supporters.

